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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 7, 9 - 11, 13 - 23, 25 - 27 and 29 - 33 remain in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the remarks appearing below herein.

1. The objection to claims 31 and 32 has been overcome by amending claim 31 to be dependent from claim 30.

2. Claims 1 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 56157389A ("Yabuki et al.").

Claims 2 - 7 and 18 - 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yabuki et al. in view of JP 58014786 ("Inoue").

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yabuki et al. in view of Inoue and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,725,853 ("Kobayashi et al.").

Claim 33 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yabuki et al. in view

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of Inoue and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,327,366
("Schafter et al.").

These grounds of rejection are moot in view of
the amendments made in the claims.

3. Claims 8 - 16, 24 - 32 have been objected to as
containing allowable subject matter but being dependent
upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein
the subject matter of claim 8, now canceled. As amended,
claim 1 now recites, in pertinent part:

a frame adapted for mounting said platen and
allowing movement of said platen towards and
away from a print head for printing purposes,
while limiting movement of said platen in an
orthogonal direction directly between said
support members and across said gap

The references of record do not teach or suggest the
thermal print head platen recited in amended claim 1.

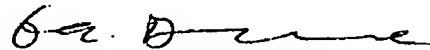
The other claims in the application are dependent,
either directly or indirectly, upon claim 1 and are
patentably distinguishable over the references for at
least the same reason.

In summary, claims 1 - 7, 9 - 11, 13 - 23, 25 - 27
and 29 - 33 are in the application for consideration.

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The claims are proper in form for allowance and in substance are directed to a wholly novel and patentable thermal platen assembly and thermal printer. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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